

carrier in a cost-effective and efficient manner. If **SBC-13STATE** elects to incur additional costs for its own operating efficiencies and that are not necessary to satisfy an SCA in a cost-effective and efficient manner, the requesting telecommunications carrier will not be liable for such extra costs.

- 9.2.2 CLEC shall be liable only for costs associated with cable pairs that it orders to be presented at an engineering controlled splice (regardless of whether the requesting carrier actually utilizes all such pairs), even if SBC/Ameritech places more pairs at the splice.
- 9.2.3 **SBC-13STATE** will either use existing copper or construct new copper facilities between the SAI(s) and the ECS, located in or at the remote terminal site. Although **SBC-13STATE** will construct the engineering controlled splice, the ECS maybe owned by **SBC-13STATE** or the CLEC (depending on the specific arrangement) at the option of **SBC-13STATE**.
- 9.2.4 If more than one CLEC obtains space in expanded remote terminals or adjacent structures and obtains an SAA with the new copper interface point at the ECS, the initial telecommunications carrier which incurred the costs of construction of the engineering controlled splice and/or additional copper/fiber shall be reimbursed those costs in equal proportion to the space or lines used by the requesting carriers.
- 9.2.5 **SBC-13STATE** may require a separate SCA for each remote terminal site.
- 9.2.6 Except as set forth below in this Section 9.2.6, written acceptance and at least 50% of payment for the SCA must be submitted at least 90 days before access to the copper subloop or dark fiber is to be provisioned by **SBC-13STATE**. If an augment of cabling is required between the ECS and the SAI, the interval for completion of the SCA will be determined on an individual case basis. **SBC-12STATE** will not begin any construction of the ECS until the CLEC has provided proof that it has obtained the necessary rights of way as defined in Section 9.3. In the event CLEC disputes the estimate for the ECS in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures set forth in the General Terms and Conditions, Section 10, of this Agreement, **SBC-13STATE** will proceed with construction of the ECS upon receipt from CLEC of notice of the dispute and not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total estimated costs, with the balance payable by CLEC upon completion of the ECS. Such payments may be subject to any "true-up", if applicable, upon resolution of the dispute in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures.

- 9.3 CLECs will have two (2) options for implementing the ECS: a “Dedicated Facility Option” (DFO) and a “Cross-connected Facility Option” (CFO).

9.3.1 Dedicated Facility Option (DFO)

- 9.3.1.1 CLEC may request **SBC-13STATE** splice the existing cabling between the ECS and the SAI to the CLEC’s SAA facility. This facility will be “dedicated” to the CLEC for subsequent subloop orders.
- 9.3.1.2 CLEC must designate the quantity of subloops they desire to access via this spliced, dedicated facility, specified by subtending SAI. This designation must differentiate cabling desired for access to the HFPL subloop from the cabling desired for access to non-line shared subloops.
- 9.3.1.3 CLECs will compensate **SBC-13STATE** for each of the dedicated subloop facilities, based on recurring subloop charges, for the quantity of subloops dedicated to the CLEC between the ECS and the SAI.

9.3.2 Cross-connected Facility Option (CFO)

- 9.3.2.1 CLEC may request **SBC-13STATE** build an ECS cross-connect junction on which to terminate CLEC’s SAA facility.
- 9.3.2.2 The SCA associated with this option will include the charges associated with constructing the cross-connect device, including the termination of **SBC-13STATE** cabling between the ECS and the RT and/or SAI, and the inventorying of that **SBC-13STATE** cabling.
- 9.3.2.3 CLEC must designate the quantity of subloops they desire to access via this cross-connectable, dedicated facility, specified by subtending SAI. This designation must differentiate cabling desired for access to the HFPL subloop from the cabling desired for access to non-line shared subloops.
- 9.3.2.4 CLECs will compensate **SBC-13STATE** for the charges incurred by **SBC-13STATE** derived from the CLEC’s request for the SCA.

10. PACKET SWITCHING

- 10.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC unbundled packet switching if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- 10.1.1 SBC-13STATE has deployed digital loop carrier systems, including but not limited to, integrated digital loop carrier or universal digital loop carrier systems; or has deployed any other system in which fiber optic facilities replace copper facilities in the distribution section (e.g., end office to remote terminal, pedestal or environmentally controlled vault);
- 10.1.2 There are no spare copper loops capable of supporting the xDSL services the requesting carrier seeks to offer;
- 10.1.3 SBC-13STATE has not permitted a requesting carrier to deploy DSLAM at the remote terminal, pedestal or environmentally controlled vault or other interconnection point, nor has the requesting carrier obtained a virtual collocation arrangement at these sub-loop interconnection points as defined by 47 CFR §51.319(b); and
- 10.1.4 SBC-13STATE has deployed packet switching capability for its own use.

11. LOCAL SWITCHING

- 11.1 The Unbundled Local Switching (ULS) capability, to be provided on an unbundled basis pursuant to this Agreement, is defined as set forth in FCC Rule 51.319. Pursuant to that Rule, ULS includes:
 - 11.1.1 line-side facilities, which include the connection between a Loop termination at the Main Distribution Frame and a switch line card;
 - 11.1.2 trunk-side facilities, which include the connection between trunk termination at a trunk-side cross- connect panel and a switch trunk card; and
 - 11.1.3 all features, functions, and capabilities of the switch available from the specific port type (line side or trunk side port), which include:
 - 11.1.3.1 the basic switching function of connecting lines to lines, lines to trunks, trunks to lines, and trunks to trunks, as well as the same basic capabilities made available to ILEC customers, such as a telephone number, white page listing, and dial tone;
 - 11.1.3.2 access to OS/DA and 9-1-1; and
 - 11.1.3.3 all other features that the switch provides, including custom calling, CLASS features and Centrex.

11.2 Specific Terms and Conditions for Unbundled Local Switching (ULS)

- 11.2.1 Unbundled Local Switching uses routing instructions resident in the **SBC-12STATE** switch to direct all CLEC traffic.
- 11.2.2 Vertical features, CLASS features, and other features resident in the **SBC-12STATE** switch providing the ULS port are available under ULS. Refer to state specific Appendix Pricing for **SBC-12STATE** and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for **SNET**.
- 11.2.3 **SBC-12STATE** will allow CLEC to designate the features and functions that are available on a particular ULS port to the extent such features and functions are activated in that switch or as may be requested by the Bona Fide Request process. When CLEC purchases ULS in **SBC-12STATE**, CLEC will be required to designate the features and functions that are to be activated on each ULS port.
- 11.2.4 ULS as provided by **SBC-12STATE** includes standard Central Office treatments (e.g., busy tones, vacant codes, fast busy, etc.), supervision and announcements.
- 11.2.5 **SBC-12STATE** will control congestion points such as those caused by radio station call-ins and network routing abnormalities using appropriate network capabilities. CLEC agrees to respond to **SBC-12STATE**'s notifications regarding network congestion.
- 11.2.6 **SBC-12STATE** will perform testing through ULS for CLECs in the same manner and frequency that it performs for its own customers for an equivalent service.
- 11.2.7 **SBC-12STATE** will repair and restore any **SBC-12STATE** equipment that may adversely impact ULS.
- 11.2.8 **SBC-12STATE** will provide usage detail for each ULS port via on a daily basis. Refer to state specific Appendix pricing.
- 11.2.9 **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC the functionality of blocking calls (e.g., 900 calls, international calls (IDDD), and toll calls) by line or trunk to the extent that **SBC-12STATE** provides such blocking capabilities to its End Users and to the extent required by federal and/or State law.
- 11.2.10 At **SBC-13STATE**'s discretion and upon not less than ninety (90) days' written notice to CLEC, **SBC-13STATE** may elect to discontinue providing ULS or to provide ULS at market prices to CLECs serving end-users with four or more voice grade lines within any territory (each an "exception Territory") with respect to which **SBC-13STATE** can demonstrate that, as of the date on which CLEC receives notice (the

“Exception Notice Date”), **SBC-13STATE** has satisfied each of the following conditions.

- a) A territory shall constitute an “Exception Territory” if it constitutes the service area of **SBC-13STATE** offices that both are assigned to density zone 1 and are located within one of the Top 50 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (“MSAs”). The Parties shall determine density zone assignments by reference to the NECA Tariff No. 4, in effect on January 1, 1999. The Top 50 MSAs are those listed in Appendix B of the FCC Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket 96-98 (“UNE Remand Order”); and
- b) In the Exception Territory where **SBC-13STATE** elects to offer the Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) in accordance with the UNE Remand Order, the EEL would be available to the CLEC in the Exception Territory at prices which are set in accordance with the pricing standards of Section 252 of the Act. Such prices would be specified in Appendix Pricing. **SBC-13STATE** may only exercise its rights to discontinue or market-price ULS under this Section for CLEC End Users involving four or more lines.

11.2.10.1 In determining whether **SBC-13STATE** may exercise its rights under this Section in any particular case, the CLEC shall be obligated to disclose customer account detail similar to customer service records that **SBC-13STATE** provides to the CLEC through pre-ordering process.

11.2.10.2 Nothing in this Section shall preclude CLEC from using its own facilities, resold services, or any other facilities, services or serving arrangements to provide additional services to an End-User customer account with respect to which **SBC-13STATE** may exercise its rights under this Section.

11.3 Customized Routing

11.3.1 Subject to switch limitations, Custom Routing is available upon CLEC request to handle Operator Services, Directory Assistance, and/or other traffic as required by state jurisdiction. CLEC will pay the customized routing charges reflected in Appendix Pricing.

11.4 Unbundled Local Switching Usage Sensitive Rate Element

11.4.1 Usage rates will apply to ULS on a per minute basis. See the Appendix Pricing for the state specific ULS rates (**SBC-12STATE**) and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for **SNET**.

11.5 Switch Ports

11.5.1 In **SBC-12STATE**, a Switch Port is a termination point in the end office switch. The charges for Switch Ports are reflected in state specific Appendix Pricing.

11.5.1.1 Line Switch Ports – SBC-12STATE

11.5.1.1.1 The Analog Line Port is a line side switch connection available in either a loop or ground start signaling configuration used primarily for switched voice communications.

11.5.1.1.2 The Analog Line Port can be provisioned with Centrex-like features and capabilities. When a CLEC wants to provide the Centrex-like port, a system establishment charge is applicable to translate the common block and system features in the switch.

11.5.1.1.3 The Analog Line Port can be provisioned with two-way, one-way-out, and one-way-in, directionality for PBX business applications.

11.5.1.1.4 ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Port-Is a 2-wire line side switch connection which provides two 64 kbps "B" (bearer) channels for circuit switched voice and/or data and on 16 kbps "D" (delta) channel for signaling.

11.5.1.2 Trunk Side Switch Ports – SBC-12STATE

11.5.1.2.1 The Analog DID Trunk Port is a 2-wire trunk side switch port that supports Direct Inward Dialing (DID) capability for PBX business applications.

11.5.1.2.2 ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Trunk Side Port - is a trunk side switch connection that provides twenty-three 64 kbps "B" channels for digital voice and data and one 64 kbps "D" channel.

11.5.1.2.3 DS1 Trunk Port is a trunk side DS1 interface intended for digital PBX business applications. Also this ULS

Trunk Port is used to terminate dedicated facilities associated with completing ULS Custom Routing calls in **SBC-AMERITECH**.

11.5.2 Switch Ports are available for **SNET** pursuant to the Connecticut Access Service Tariff.

11.6 **Tandem Switching**

11.6.1 Tandem Switching is defined as:

11.6.1.1 trunk-connect facilities, including but not limited to the connection between trunk termination at a cross-connect panel and a switch trunk card,

11.6.1.2 the basic switching function of connecting trunks to trunks; and

11.6.1.3 all technically feasible functions that are centralized in Tandem Office Switches (as distinguished from separate end-office switches), including but not limited to call recording, the routing of calls to operator services, and signaling conversion features.

11.6.2 The charges for Tandem Switching are reflected in Appendix Pricing (**SBC-12STATE**) and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for **SNET**.

12. **SHARED TRANSPORT**

12.1 The Unbundled Shared Transport capability is defined as set forth in FCC Rule 51.319.

12.1.1 **SBC-12STATE** provides access to unbundled shared transport only when purchased in conjunction with a ULS port that CLEC subscribes to for the purpose of delivering traffic from/to a CLEC End User as set forth below.

12.1.1.1 Unbundled Local Switching is provided under Section 11 of this Appendix UNE.

12.1.1.2 "ULS-ST" refers to Unbundled Local Switching with Unbundled Shared Transport in **SBC-AMERITECH**. ULS-ST is provided on a per ULS port basis.

12.1.1.3 Unbundled Network Element – Local Switching with Shared Transport is available for **SNET** pursuant to the Connecticut Access Service Tariff.

- 12.1.2 **SBC-AMERITECH** provides to CLECs subscribing to ULS the function of shared transport (as defined in the Third Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, 12 FCC Rcd 12460 (1997)), as described in Paragraph 56 of Attachment 1 in the August 27, 1999 *ex parte* to the FCC in *In the Matter of the SBC/Ameritech Merger*, CC Docket No. 98-141 ("FCC Conditions").
- 12.1.3 ULS-ST permits the CLEC to access the interoffice network of **SBC-AMERITECH** for the origination from and completion to the associated ULS port of End User local traffic to and from **SBC-AMERITECH** switches or third-party switches. ULS-ST also permits access to that network, using Common Transport and Tandem Switching, for the origination from and completion to the associated ULS port of End User toll traffic where a PIC'd/LPIC'd Interexchange Carrier for that ULS port is not directly connected to the **SBC-AMERITECH** switch providing that ULS port. **SBC-AMERITECH** will not require use of dedicated transport or customized routing to complete calls when using ULS-ST.
- 12.1.4 All CLEC's local traffic between **SBC-AMERITECH** switches will use Shared Transport and all local CLEC's traffic to non-**SBC-12STATE** switches will use the transit function of Shared Transport (with this transit function being referred to as "Shared Transport-Transit"). All interexchange traffic will be routed to the interLATA (PIC) or intraLATA toll (LPIC) Interexchange Carrier, as appropriate, selected for that ULS port.
- 12.1.5 The Unbundled Shared Transport rate is a blend of Shared Transport and Shared Transport-Transit. **SBC-12STATE** reserves the right to seek separate rates for Shared Transport and Shared Transport-Transit in future negotiations to amend or replace this Agreement.
- 12.1.6 **SBC-12STATE**'s ability to provide ULS-ST is limited to existing switch and transmission facilities capacities of the **SBC-STATE** network.
- 12.1.7 In providing ULS-ST, **SBC-12STATE** will use the existing **SBC-12STATE** routing tables contained in **SBC-12STATE** switches, as **SBC-12STATE** may change those tables from time to time including after CLEC purchases ULS-ST.
- 12.1.8 **SBC-12STATE** will provide SS7 signaling on interswitch calls originating from an ULS port. CLEC will be charged for the use of the **SBC-12STATE** signaling on a per- call basis.

12.2 Custom Routing of OS/DA with ULS-ST

- 12.2.1 CLEC can only mix ULS-ST and custom routing within a SBC-AMERITECH end office switch where CLEC chooses to custom route all of its OS and/or all of its DA (OS/DA) traffic for its End Users served by SBC-AMERITECH's ULS-ST ports in that SBC-AMERITECH end office switch. If this custom routing for OS/DA is chosen in a given SBC-AMERITECH end office switch, then all End Users served via ULS-ST ports in that switch will have their OS/DA traffic routed over the same custom route designated by CLEC.
- 12.2.2 CLEC must provide SBC-AMERITECH routing instructions necessary to establish such custom routing of OS/DA traffic in those end offices where CLEC has End Users served via ULS-ST ports. CLEC will be charged by SBC-AMERITECH for the establishment of each custom route for OS or DA traffic in an end office switch.
- 12.2.3 SBC-AMERITECH will direct all custom routed local OS and/or local DA calls using the Advanced Intelligence Network programming developed to be compatible with ULS-ST to a specific trunk group associated with an ULS Trunk Port or over an existing dedicated trunk group designated by CLEC.
- 12.2.4 CLEC will request custom OS/DA routing for use with ULS-ST other than described in this Section via the Bona Fide Request process.
- 12.2.5 CLEC will be required to provide custom branding for OS/DA calls via Service Provider Identification (SPID) branding for End Users served by CLEC purchasing SBC-AMERITECH's ULS-ST ports. SPID branding must be addressed in a separate agreement between CLEC and SBC-AMERITECH.

12.3 ULS-ST Usage-Sensitive Rating

- 12.3.1 SBC-12STATE will charge CLEC ULS usage rates for intraswitch and interswitch traffic originating from an ULS port and for interswitch traffic terminating to an ULS port.
- 12.3.2 SBC-12STATE will charge CLEC using SBC-12STATE's Shared Transport a usage-sensitive Blended Transport rate in addition to the originating ULS usage-sensitive rate for local interswitch calls. The Blended Transport rate is based upon a blend of direct and tandem-routed local traffic to/from either an SBC-12STATE end office or to/from a non-SBC-12STATE end office.
- 12.3.3 The charges for Shared Transport are reflected in Appendix Pricing (SBC-12STATE) and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for SNET.

12.4 Reciprocal Compensation associated with ULS-ST

12.4.1 For the traffic to which reciprocal compensation applies and subject to the other provisions in this Agreement regarding reciprocal compensation:

12.4.2 As to ULS-ST only, **SBC-AMERITECH** will charge CLEC using **SBC-AMERITECH**'s ULS-ST a Reciprocal Compensation rate specific to ULS-ST for interswitch local traffic originated from a ULS-ST port and terminated to a **SBC-AMERITECH** end office.

12.4.3 As to ULS-ST only, CLEC will reciprocally charge **SBC-AMERITECH** for interswitch local traffic originated from a **SBC-AMERITECH** end office and terminated to an ULS-ST port at the same rate as ULS usage rate associated with ULS-ST a Reciprocal Compensation rate.

12.4.4 CLEC will be solely responsible for establishing compensation arrangements with all telecommunications carriers to which ULS-ST traffic is delivered or from which ULS-ST traffic is received, including all ULS-ST traffic carried by Shared Transport-Transit.

12.5 IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll Rate Application

12.5.1 When ULS-ST is used to make or receive interLATA (including PIC) or intraLATA (including LPIC) toll traffic and that traffic is routed through **SBC-AMERITECH** tandem switch(es) and transmission facilities, **SBC-AMERITECH** will charge usage-sensitive Common Transport and Tandem Switching Rates in addition to other applicable ULS-ST charges. However, when that traffic is routed to and/or from an Interexchange Carrier directly connected at the **SBC-AMERITECH** end office providing that ULS port, the Common Transport and Tandem Switching rates will not apply to such traffic.

12.5.2 The ULS-ST usage-sensitive charges (per minute of use) described in this Section are set forth in the Appendix Pricing.

12.6 Application of Usage Sensitive Charges for ULS-ST

12.6.1 ULS may include two usage sensitive components: originating ULS usage (ULS-O) and terminating ULS usage (ULS-T).

12.6.2 Intra Switch Calls - (calls originating and terminating in the same switch i.e., the same 11 digit Common Language Location Identifier (CLLI) end office):

- 12.6.2.1 CLEC will be charged ULS-O usage charges of use for a call originating from an CLEC ULS line port or trunk port that terminates to a **SBC-AMERITECH** end user line, Resale line, or any unbundled line port or trunk port which is connected to the same end office switch.
- 12.6.2.2 CLEC will be charged ULS-O usage charges for a Centrex-like ULS intercom call in which CLEC's End User dials from one Centrex-like station to another Centrex-like station in the same common block defined system.
- 12.6.2.3 **SBC-AMERITECH** will not bill ULS-T usage charges for Intraswitch calls that terminate to a CLEC ULS port.
- 12.6.3 Interswitch Calls - calls not originating and terminating in the same switch, i.e., not the same 11-digit Common Language Location Identifier (CLLI) end office:
- 12.6.3.1 Local Calls
- 12.6.3.1.1 General Principles
- 12.6.3.1.1.1 When a call originates from a CLEC ULS-ST port, CLEC will be charged ULS-O usage and SS7 signaling charges. If the call routes over **SBC-AMERITECH**'s shared transport network, CLEC will pay charges for Blended Transport usage in addition to ULS-O usage charges.
- 12.6.3.1.1.2 The Parties agree that, for local calls originated over ULS-ST, **SBC-AMERITECH** will not be required to record and will not bill actual tandem switching usage. Rather, CLEC will be charged the rate shown on Appendix Pricing UNE - Schedule of unbundled shared transport Prices labeled "ULS-ST Blended Transport," for each minute of use, whether or not the call actually traverses the tandem switch.

12.6.3.1.1.3 When a call terminates to a CLEC ULS-ST port, CLEC will pay ULS-T usage charges.

12.6.3.1.1.4 Illustrative Call Flows demonstrating the rate applications for ULS-ST are set forth in *Exhibit A*.

12.6.3.2 **IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll Calls**

12.6.3.2.1 General Principles

12.6.3.2.1.1 “1+” intraLATA calls from CLEC ULS-ST ports will be routed to the originating End User’s IntraLATA Primary Interexchange Carrier (LPIC) choice. When a “1+” interLATA call is initiated from an ULS-ST port, it will be routed to the End User’s interLATA (PIC) choice.

12.6.3.2.1.2 When an intraLATA or interLATA toll call originates from a CLEC ULS-ST port, **SBC-AMERITECH** will not charge originating access charges to CLEC or the IXC except that **SBC-AMERITECH** may bill the IXC for the access transport (FGD), in accordance with its access tariff, in cases where the IXC has chosen **SBC-AMERITECH** as its transport provider.

12.6.3.2.1.3 When an intraLATA or interLATA toll call terminates to a CLEC ULS-ST port, **SBC-AMERITECH** will not charge terminating access to CLEC or the IXC except that **SBC-AMERITECH** may bill the IXC for the access transport (FGD), in accordance with its access tariff, in cases where the IXC has chosen **SBC-AMERITECH** as its transport provider.

12.6.3.2.1.4 Illustrative Call Flows demonstrating the rate applications for ULS-ST are set forth in *Exhibit A*.

12.6.3.3 Toll Free Calls

12.6.3.3.1 When CLEC uses an ULS-ST port to initiate an intraLATA 800-type call, SBC-AMERITECH will perform the appropriate database query and will route the call to terminating SBC-AMERITECH "Success 800" subscriber. CLEC will be charged the 800 database query, ULS-O usage, and SS7 signaling charges.

12.6.3.3.2 When CLEC uses an ULS-ST port to initiate an 800-type call where the terminating port is not an SBC-AMERITECH "Success 800" subscriber, SBC-AMERITECH will perform the appropriate database query and route the call to the indicated IXC. CLEC will pay the 800 database query, ULS-O usage, and SS7 signaling charges. If 800-type call is routed using SBC-AMERITECH tandem, then SBC-AMERITECH will also charge ULS-ST Common Transport and ULS-ST Tandem Switching usage charges. SBC-AMERITECH will not charge originating access charges to CLEC or the IXC except that SBC-AMERITECH may bill the IXC for the access transport (FGD), in accordance with its access tariff, in cases where the IXC has chosen SBC-AMERITECH as its transport provider.

13. INTEROFFICE TRANSPORT

13.1 The Interoffice Transport (IOT) Unbundled Network Element is defined as SBC-12STATE interoffice transmission facilities dedicated to a particular CLEC that provide telecommunications between Wire Centers owned by SBC-12STATE, or requesting CLEC, or between switches owned by SBC-12STATE or CLEC. IOT will be provided only where such facilities exist at the time of CLEC request. Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, SNET does not offer Interoffice Transport (IOT) under this agreement. Rather, IOT is available as described in Section 18 of the Connecticut Tariff FCC No. 39.

13.2 SBC-12STATE will be responsible for the engineering, provisioning, maintenance of the underlying equipment and facilities that are used to provide Interoffice Transport.

13.3 Unbundled Dedicated Transport

13.3.1 Unbundled Dedicated Transport (UDT) is an interoffice transmission path dedicated to a particular CLEC that provides telecommunications (when facilities exist and are technically feasible) between two Wire Centers or switches owned by SBC-12STATE or between a Wire Center or switch owned by SBC-12STATE and a CLEC owned or provided switch.

13.3.2 SBC-12STATE will provide Dedicated Transport as a point to point circuit dedicated to the CLEC at the following speeds: DS1 (1.544 Mbps), DS3 (44.736 Mbps), OC3 (155.52 Mbps), OC12 (622.08 Mbps), and OC48 (2488.32 Mbps). SBC-12STATE will provide higher speeds to CLEC as they are deployed in the SBC-12STATE network. SBC-12STATE provides OCN Dedicated Transport and Entrance Facilities as point to point bit rates, when and where facilities exist.

13.3.3 UDT includes the following elements:

13.3.3.1 Interoffice Transport – a circuit between two SBC12-STATE Wire Centers.

13.3.3.2 Entrance Facility – a circuit from SBC-12STATE serving Wire Center to the CLEC's location.

13.3.3.3 Multiplexing – an option ordered in conjunction with dedicated transport which converts a circuit from higher to lower bandwidth, or from digital to voice grade. Multiplexing is only available when ordered at the same time as UDT entrance facility and/or interoffice transport.

13.3.3.4 Other Optional features are outlined in Appendix Pricing.

13.4 Diversity

13.4.1 When requested by CLEC and only where such interoffice facilities exist at the time of CLEC request, Physical diversity shall be provided for Unbundled Dedicated Transport. Physical diversity means that two circuits are provisioned in such a way that no single failure of facilities or equipment will cause a failure on both circuits.

13.4.2 SBC-12STATE shall provide the Physical separation between intra-office and inter-office transmission paths when technically and economically feasible. Physical diversity requested by the CLEC shall be subject to additional charges. When additional costs are incurred by SBC-12STATE for CLEC specific diversity. SBC-12STATE will advise CLEC of the applicable additional charges. SBC-12STATE will not

process the request for diversity until CLEC accepts such charges. Any applicable performance measures will be abated from the time diversity is requested until CLEC accepts the additional charges.

- 13.5 When requested by CLEC and only where such interoffice facilities exist at the time of CLEC request, Physical diversity shall be provided for Unbundled Dedicated Transport. Physical diversity means that two circuits are provisioned in such a way that no single failure of facilities or equipment will cause a failure on both circuits.

13.5.1 SBC-12STATE shall provide the Physical separation between intra-office and inter-office transmission paths when technically and economically feasible. Physical diversity requested by the CLEC shall be subject to additional charges. When additional costs are incurred by SBC-12STATE for CLEC specific diversity, SBC-12STATE will advise CLEC of the applicable additional charges. SBC-12STATE will not process the request for diversity until CLEC accepts such charges. Any applicable performance measures will be abated from the time diversity is requested until CLEC accepts the additional charges.

13.6 Digital Cross-Connect System (DCS)

13.6.1 SBC-12STATE will offer Digital Cross-Connect System (DCS) as part of the unbundled dedicated transport element with the same functionality that is offered to interexchange carriers. DCS requested by CLEC shall be subject to additional charges as outlined in pricing schedule appendix.

13.7 Network Reconfiguration Service (NRS)

13.7.1 SBC-12STATE will offer reconfiguration service as part of the UDT element with the same functionality that is offered to interexchange carriers. Reconfiguration service requested by the CLEC shall be subject to additional charges as outlined in pricing schedule appendix.

13.8 PACIFIC

13.8.1 Cross Boundary UDT Meet Point Facilities Arrangements

13.8.1.1 Cross Boundary UDT Facilities are arrangements that involve shared ownership of the Unbundled Dedicated Local Interconnection Facilities between PACIFIC and another neighboring Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) PACIFIC will be a willing participant in the CLEC's efforts to midspan join an UDT Facility ordered from PACIFIC with one of the same ordered by the same CLEC from the neighboring

ILEC. It is the responsibility of the CLEC to negotiate with each ILEC individually, and to order each piece of the Meet Point transmission facility from each individual ILEC separately in order to provide UDT from each ILEC's respective Central Office to the meet point. UDT Cross Boundary Meet Point Transmission Facilities are available at DS1 and DS3 transmission speeds and only where facilities exist and are available at the time of CLEC's order.

13.8.1.2 **Rates:** Charges applicable to Cross Boundary UDT Meet Point Facility arrangements are as follows:

13.8.1.2.1 Non Recurring Charges: 100% of **PACIFIC** existing UDT Non Recurring Charges, i.e. service order charge, install (connect) charges, disconnect charges, etc. for its side of the facilities and without any compensation to the other ILEC. Each of these charges are found in Appendix Pricing.

13.8.1.2.2 Monthly Charges: **PACIFIC** will charge full (100%) existing UDT monthly charges for the first (or Fixed) mile, plus 100% of the monthly charges for the additional miles in its territory. Each of these charges is found in Appendix Pricing. The additional miles are calculated by the total facility mileage multiplied by the percentage of the facilities that fall within **PACIFIC** territory, as determined by the NECA 4 tariff. There will not be any compensation to the other ILEC.

13.8.1.2.3 **PACIFIC**'s current intervals for the ordering and provisioning of the UDT will also be applicable to the ordering and provisioning of Cross Boundary UDT Meet Point Facilities. However, for end to end connectivity, the longer of the two ILEC's ordering and provisioning intervals will apply.

14. **DARK FIBER**

14.1 In **SBC-12STATE** Dark fiber is deployed, unlit fiber optic cable that connects two points within the incumbent LEC's network. Dark fiber is fiber that has not been activated through connection to the electronics that "light it", and thereby render it capable of carrying communications services. Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, **SNET** does not offer Dark Fiber under this agreement. Rather, Dark Fiber is available to CLECs as described in Section 18.2.1E of the Connecticut Service Tariff.

14.1.1 Dark Fiber is fiber that is spliced in all segments from end to end and would provide continuity or “light” end to end. CLEC may only subscribe to dark fiber that is considered “spare,” as defined in Sections 14.4.1 and 14.5.1, below.

14.2 Interoffice Dark Fiber

14.2.1 SBC-12STATE will provide dark fiber in the dedicated interoffice transport segment of the network as an unbundled network element. Interoffice dark fiber is between two different SBC-12STATE Central Offices (CO’s) and terminates on a fiber distribution frame, or equivalent, in the CO. SBC-12STATE will offer its dark fiber to CLEC when CLEC has collocation space in each SBC-12STATE CO where the requested dark fibers terminate.

14.3 Loop Dark Fiber

14.3.1 SBC-12STATE will provide loop dark fiber as an unbundled network element. Loop dark fiber is a segment between a serving SBC-12STATE central office and an end user customer premise.

14.4 Sub-Loop Dark Fiber

14.4.1 SBC-12STATE will provide sub-loop dark fiber as an unbundled network element. Sub-loop dark fiber is a segment between:

14.4.1.1 The serving SBC-12STATE central office and a remote terminal/CEV/Hut; or

14.4.1.2 a remote terminal/CEV/Hut and an end user customer premise.

14.4.2 Dark Fiber sub-loop segments are explicitly governed by Section 8 of this Appendix and are limited to remote terminal/CEV/Hut outlined below.

14.4.3 Upon receipt of a complete and correct Sub-loop Access Application, SBC-12STATE shall provide to CLEC within 30 days a written estimate for the actual construction, labor, materials, and related provisioning costs to be incurred to fulfill the SCA on a time and materials basis. CLEC agrees to pay SBC-12STATE appropriate rates for the engineering and other associated costs performed when CLEC submits a request to provide a written estimate for sub-loop(s).

14.4.4 At SBC-12STATE Central Offices’ the dark fiber terminates on a fiber distribution frame, or equivalent, in the Central Office. CLEC access is provided pursuant Method One (Section 3.1.1.1, above) which allows for approved collocation access.

14.5 Spare Fiber Inventory Availability and Condition

14.5.1 All available spare dark fiber will be provided as is. No conditioning will be offered. Spare dark fiber is fiber that is spliced in all segments, point to point but not assigned, and spare dark fiber does not include maintenance spares, fibers set aside and documented for **SBC-12STATE**'s forecasted growth, defective fibers, or fibers subscribed to by other carriers. CLEC will not request any more than 25% of the spare dark fiber contained in the requested segment.

14.6 Determining Spare Fibers:

14.6.1 **SBC-12STATE** will inventory and track spare dark fibers. Spare fibers do not include the following:

14.6.1.1 Maintenance spares. Maintenance spares shall be kept in inventory like a working pair. Spare maintenance fibers are assigned as follows:

- Cables with 24 fibers and less: two maintenance spare fibers
- Cables with 36 and 48 fibers: four maintenance spare fibers
- Cables with 72 and 96 fibers: eight maintenance spare fibers
- Cables with 144 fibers: twelve maintenance spare fibers
- Cables with 216 fibers: 18 maintenance spares
- Cables with 288 fibers: 24 maintenance spares
- Cables with 432 fibers: 36 maintenance spares
- Cables with 864 fibers: 72 maintenance spares.

14.6.1.2 Defective fibers

14.6.1.3 **SBC-12STATE** growth fibers. Fibers documented as reserved by **SBC-12STATE** for utilization for growth within the 12 month-period following the carrier's request.

14.6.2 The appropriate **SBC-12STATE** engineering organization will maintain records on each fiber optic cable for which CLECs request dark fiber.

14.6.3 Defective fibers, if any, will be deducted from the total number of spare fibers that would otherwise be available to CLEC for use under this Agreement.

14.7 Quantities and Time Frames for ordering Dark Fiber:

14.7.1 The minimum number of fiber strands that CLEC can order is two, and fiber strands must be ordered in multiples of two. The maximum number

of fiber strands that CLEC can order is no greater than 25% of the spare facilities in the segment requested. Should spare fiber fall below 8 strands in a given location, SBC-12STATE will provide the remaining spares in quantities of 2 strands. (See definition of spare facilities set forth in Sections 14.4.1 and 14.5.1 above.)

14.7.2 If CLEC wishes to request dark fiber, it must submit a dark fiber facility inquiry, providing CLEC's specific point to point (A to Z) dark fiber requirements. When CLEC submits a dark fiber facility inquiry, appropriate rates for the inquiry will be charged as outlined in state specific Appendix Pricing.

14.7.2.1 If spare dark fiber is available, as determined under this Agreement, SBC-12STATE will notify CLEC and CLEC may place an Access Service Request (ASR) for the dark fiber.

14.7.3 Dark fiber will be assigned to CLEC only when an ASR is processed. ASRs will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis. Inquiry facility checks do not serve to reserve dark fiber. When CLEC submits the ASR, the ASR will be processed and the dark fiber facilities assigned for the charges which will be established as set forth in paragraph 14.6.2.

14.8 Right of Revocation of Access to Dark Fiber

14.8.1 Should CLEC not utilize the fiber strands subscribed to within the 12-month period following the date SBC-12STATE provided the fibers, SBC-12STATE may revoke CLEC's access to the dark fiber and recover those fiber facilities and return them to SBC-12STATE inventory.

14.8.2 SBC-12STATE may reclaim from the CLEC's the right to use dark fiber, whether or not the dark fiber is being utilized by CLEC, upon twelve (12) months' written notice to the CLEC. SBC-12STATE will provide an alternative facility for the CLEC with the same bandwidth the CLEC was using prior to reclaiming the facility. SBC-12STATE must also demonstrate to the CLEC that the dark fiber will be needed to meet SBC-12STATE's bandwidth requirements within the 12 months following the revocation.

14.9 Access Methods specific to Dark Fiber

14.9.1 The demarcation point for dark fiber at central offices, remote terminals and customer premises will be in an SBC-12STATE approved splitter shelf. This arrangement allows for non-intrusive testing.

14.9.2 At CO's dark fiber terminates on a fiber distribution frame, or equivalent in the CO. CLEC access is provided pursuant to Method One (Section 3.1.1.1, above).

14.9.3 At remote terminals, CEVs and Huts, CLEC access to the dark fiber will be provided via the network demarcation point at the end user customer premises and via a fiber distribution frame at the remote terminal/CEV/Hut.

14.9.3.1 CLECs may collocate, providing collocation application and associated criteria are met, when seeking to interconnection and desire to place non-passive electronics in a remote terminal/CEV/Hut provided **SBC-12STATE** has existing and available space in these locations.

14.9.3.2 CLECs have two (2) options for obtaining dark fiber subloop access. Prior to ordering subloop facilities, CLEC must establish Collocation using the Collocation process as set forth in Collocation Appendix, or must establish a Subloop Access Arrangement utilizing the Special Construction Arrangement (SCA), either or which are necessary to interconnect to the **SBC-12STATE** subloop network.

14.9.3.3 The space available for collocating or obtaining various Subloop Access Arrangements will vary depending on the existing plant at a particular location. The CLEC shall initiate an SCA by submitting a Sub-loop Access Arrangement Application.

14.9.3.4 At remote terminals, CEVs and Huts, CLEC access to the dark fiber will be provided via the network demarcation point at the End User premises and via a fiber distribution frame at the remote terminal/CEV/Hut. CLEC may elect to place his cable, defined by the engineer in the design phase, that **SBC-12STATE** will terminate on available demarcation points or terminal.

14.10 Installation and Maintenance for Dark Fiber

14.10.1 **SBC-12STATE** will install demarcations and place the fiber jumpers from the fiber optic terminals to the demarcation point. CLEC will run its fiber jumpers from the demarcation point (1x2, 90-10 optical splitter) to the CLEC equipment.

15. OPERATOR SERVICES AND DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

15.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide access to operator service and directory assistance databases where technically feasible. (47 CFR § 51.319(g)). Operator Services

and Directory Assistance (OS/DA) are available as described in Appendix DA, and Appendix OS.

16. SIGNALING NETWORKS AND CALL-RELATED DATABASES

16.1 Signaling Networks and Call-Related Databases are Network Elements that include Signaling Link Transport, Signaling Transfer Points, and Service Control Points and Call-Related Databases. Access to **SBC-13STATE**'s signaling network and call related databases will be provided as described in the following Appendices: SS7, LIDB AS, LIDB Service, 800, and AIN (refer to General Terms and Conditions, Section 46.7.2).

17. OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEMS FUNCTIONS

17.1 Operations Support Systems Functions consist of pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing functions supported by **SBC-13STATE**'s databases and information. **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC access to its Operations Support Systems Functions as outlined in Appendix OSS.

18. CROSS CONNECTS

18.1 The cross connect is the media between the **SBC-7STATE** UNE and a CLEC designated point of access as described in various sections of this Appendix, or the media between a **SBC-7STATE** UNE and a Collocation area for the purpose of permitting the CLEC to connect the **SBC-7STATE** UNE to other UNEs or to the CLECs own facilities. Where **SBC-7STATE** has otherwise committed to connect one UNE to another UNE on behalf of CLEC, or to leave connected one UNE to another UNE on behalf of CLEC the cross connect is the media between one **SBC-7STATE** UNE and another **SBC-7STATE** UNE. Nothing in this section is a commitment to connect or leave connected any two or more UNEs.

18.2 **SBC-7STATE** will provide cross connects at the rates, terms, and conditions set forth in Appendix Pricing. Pricing for Sections 18.3, 18.4 and 18.5 for **SBC-AMERITECH** and **SNET** are provided as set forth in Appendix Pricing. For all other cross-connect pricing for **SNET** refer to the applicable state tariff.

18.3 The applicable Loop cross connects to point of access for the purpose of CLEC combining a **SBC-13STATE** Loop with another **SBC-13STATE** UNE are as follows:

18.3.1 2-Wire Analog Loop to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.3.2 4 -Wire Analog Loop to UNE Connection Methods point of access

- 18.3.3 2 -Wire Digital Loop to UNE Connection Methods point of access
- 18.3.4 4 -Wire Digital Loop to UNE Connection Methods point of access
- 18.4 The applicable Unbundled Dedicated Transport cross connects to the UNE Connection Methods point of access for the purpose of CLEC combining. Unbundled Dedicated Transport to another **SBC-13STATE** UNE are as follows:
 - 18.4.1 DS-1 to UNE Connection Methods point of access
- 18.5 The applicable Switch Port cross connects to the UNE Connection Methods point of access for the purpose of CLEC combining Switch Ports to another **SBC-13STATE** UNE are as follows:
 - 18.5.1 Analog Line Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access
 - 18.5.2 ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Line Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access.
 - 18.5.3 ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Trunk Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access
 - 18.5.4 Analog DID Trunk Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access
 - 18.5.5 DS-1 Trunk Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access
- 18.6 The applicable Loop cross connects for the purpose of CLEC connecting a **SBC-SWBT** and **NEVADA** Loop UNE to a CLEC's Collocated facilities are as follows:
 - 18.6.1 2-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation
 - 18.6.2 2-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation (without testing)
 - 18.6.3 4-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation
 - 18.6.4 4-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation (without testing)
 - 18.6.5 2-Wire Digital Loop to Collocation
 - 18.6.6 2-Wire Digital Loop to Collocation (without testing)
 - 18.6.7 4-Wire Digital Loop to Collocation
 - 18.6.8 4-Wire Digital loop to Collocation (without testing)
 - 18.6.9 DSL Shielded Cross Connect to Collocation

18.6.10 2-Wire DSL non-shielded cross connect to Collocation

18.6.11 4-Wire DSL non-shielded cross connect to Collocation

18.7 The applicable dedicated transport cross connects for the purpose of CLEC connecting an SBC-SWBT and NEVADA dedicated transport UNE to a CLEC's Collocated facilities are as follows:

18.7.1 DS-1 to Collocation

18.7.2 DS-3 Collocation

18.7.3 OC-3 to Collocation

18.7.4 OC-12 to Collocation

18.7.5 OC-48 to Collocation

18.8 The applicable Port cross connects for the purpose of CLEC connecting an SBC-SWBT and Port UNE to a CLEC's Collocated facilities are as follows:

18.8.1 Analog Line Port to Collocation

18.8.2 ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Line Port to Collocation

18.8.3 Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Trunk Port to Collocation

18.8.4 Analog DID Trunk Port to Collocation

18.8.5 DS- Trunk Port to Collocation

18.9* The applicable cross connects for the purpose of a CLEC connecting a PACIFIC Loop, UDT or Port UNE to a CLECs Collocated facility are as follows:

18.9.1 Voice Grade/ISDN EISCC

18.9.2 DS-0 EISCC

18.9.3 DS-1 EISCC

18.9.4 DS-3 EISCC

18.9.5 DSL Shielded Cross Connect to Collocation

* Sections 18.9 through 18.13 are available only in the State of California. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS Paragraph 2.10.1

- 18.10* The applicable cross connects for **SBC-AMERITECH** Loop, UDT or Port UNEs are as follows:
 - 18.10.1 2-wire
 - 18.10.2 4-wire
 - 18.10.3 6-wire
 - 18.10.4 8-wire
 - 18.10.5 DS-1
 - 18.10.6 DS-3
 - 18.10.7 OC-3
 - 18.10.8 OC-12
 - 18.10.9 OC-48
 - 18.10.10 LT1
 - 18.10.11 LT3
- 18.11* The applicable Loop cross connects to the Adjacent Location Method of Accessing UNEs for the purpose of a CLEC combining a **PACIFIC** Loop with a CLECs own facilities for are as follows:
 - 18.11.1 2 -Wire Analog Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access
 - 18.11.2 4 -Wire Analog Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access
 - 18.11.3 2 -Wire Digital Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access
 - 18.11.4 4 -Wire Digital Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access
 - 18.11.5 DSL shielded Cross Connect to Adjacent Location point of access
- 18.12* The applicable Unbundled Dedicated transport cross connects to the Adjacent Location Method of accessing UNEs for the purpose of a CLEC combining a **PACIFIC** Unbundled Dedicated Transport with a CLECs own facilities as follows:
 - 18.12.1 DS-1 to the Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.13* The applicable Switch Port cross connects to the Adjacent Location Method of Accessing UNEs for the purpose of a CLEC combining a **PACIFIC** Port with a CLECs own facilities point of access are as follows:

18.13.1 Analog Line Port to Adjacent Location Method to point of access

18.13.2 ISDN BRI Port to Adjacent Location Method to point of access

18.13.3 ISDN PRI Trunk Port to Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.14 Cross Connects, required for the UNE platform, from UNE Loops to UNE Ports for the purpose of combining a **SWBT**, **NEVADA** and **PACIFIC** 2 -Wire Loop with a **SWBT,NE VADA** and **PACIFIC** Port are as follows:

18.14.1 Wire Analog Loop to Analog line Port

18.14.2 Wire Digital Loop to ISDN BRI Port

18.15 Maintenance of Elements

18.15.1 If trouble occurs with unbundled network elements provided by **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC will first determine whether the trouble is in CLEC's own equipment and/or facilities or those of the End User. If CLEC determines the trouble is in **SBC-13STATE**'s equipment and/or facilities, CLEC will issue a trouble report to **SBC-13STATE**.

18.15.2 CLEC shall pay Time and Material charges (maintenance of service charges/additional labor charges) when CLEC reports a suspected failure of a Unbundled Network Element and **SBC-13STATE** dispatches personnel to the End User's premises or an **SBC-13STATE** Central Office and trouble was not caused by **SBC-13STATE**'s facilities or equipment. Time and Material charges will include all technicians dispatched, including technicians dispatched to other locations for purposes of testing. Rates of Time and Material charges will be billed at amounts equal to those contained in the applicable state tariffs.

18.15.3 CLEC shall pay Time and Material charges when **SBC-13STATE** dispatches personnel and the trouble is in equipment or communications systems provided an entity by other than **SBC-13STATE** or in detariffed CPE provided by **SBC-13STATE**, unless covered under a separate maintenance agreement.

- 18.15.4 CLEC shall pay Maintenance of Service charges when the trouble clearance did not otherwise require dispatch, but dispatch was requested for repair verification or cooperative testing, and the circuit did not exceed maintenance limits.
- 18.15.5 If CLEC issues a trouble report allowing SBC-13STATE access to the End User's premises and SBC-13STATE personnel are dispatched but denied access to the premises, then Time and Material charges will apply for the period of time that SBC-13STATE personnel are dispatched. Subsequently, if SBC-13STATE personnel are allowed access to the premises, these charges will still apply.
- 18.15.6 Time and Material charges apply on a first and additional basis for each half-hour or fraction thereof. If more than one technician is dispatched in conjunction with the same trouble report, the total time for all technicians dispatched will be aggregated prior to the distribution of time between the "First Half Hour or Fraction Thereof" and "Each Additional Half Hour or Fraction Thereof" rate categories. Basic Time is work-related efforts of SBC-13STATE performed during normally scheduled working hours on a normally scheduled workday. Overtime is work-related efforts of SBC-13STATE performed on a normally scheduled workday, but outside of normally scheduled working hours. Premium Time is work related efforts of SBC-13STATE performed other than on a normally scheduled workday.
- 18.15.7 If CLEC requests or approves a SBC-13STATE technician to perform services in excess of or not otherwise contemplated by the nonrecurring charges herein, CLEC will pay Time and Material charges for any additional work to perform such services, including requests for installation or conversion outside of normally scheduled working hours.

19. RECONFIGURATION

- 19.1 SBC-13STATE will reconfigure existing qualifying special access services to combinations of unbundled loop and transport upon terms and conditions consistent with the Supplemental Order Clarification released by the FCC on June 2, 2000 *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 00-183) and with SBC-13STATE's processes to implement that Order, as set forth on the CLEC website.

20. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

- 20.1 SBC-13STATE's provision of UNEs identified in this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Federal Act, including but not limited to, Section 251(d). The Parties acknowledge and agree that on November 5, 1999, the FCC issued its

Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-96 (FCC 99-238), including the FCC's Supplemental Order issued *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-370) (rel. November 24, 1999), ("the UNE Remand Order"), portions of which become effective thirty (30) days following publication of such Order in the Federal Register (February 17, 2000) and other portions of which become effective 120 days following publication of such Order in the Federal Register (May 17, 2000). By entering into this Agreement which makes available certain UNEs, or any Amendment to this Agreement to conform such Agreement to the UNE Remand Order within the time frames specified in such Order, neither Party waives any of its rights to seek legal review or a stay pending appeal of the Order. In addition, both Parties reserve the right to dispute whether any UNEs identified in the Agreement must be provided under Section 251(c)(3) and Section 251(d) of the Act, and under this Agreement. UNEs described in this Agreement or any Amendment to this Agreement that are provided in accordance with the UNE Remand Order will be provided in accordance with the effective dates set forth in the Order (i.e. February 17, 2000 or May 17, 2000, as applicable). In the event that the FCC, a state regulatory agency or a court of competent jurisdiction, in any proceeding, based upon any action by any telecommunications carrier, finds, rules and/or otherwise orders ("order") that any of the UNEs and/or UNE combinations provided for under this Agreement do not meet the necessary and impair standards set forth in Section 251(d)(2) of the Act, the affected provision will be invalidated, modified or stayed as required to immediately effectuate the subject order upon written request of either Party. In such event, the Parties shall expend diligent efforts to arrive at an agreement on the modifications required to the Agreement to immediately effectuate such order. If negotiations fail, disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretations of the actions required or the provisions affected by such order shall be handled under the Dispute Resolution Procedures set forth in this Agreement. In addition, the Parties agree that in the event the UNE Remand Order is stayed pending appeal, neither Party shall be obligated to implement the terms of such Order until such time as the stay is lifted.

21. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 21.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution;

audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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ILLUSTRATIVE CALL FLOWS (USAGE-SENSITIVE ULS-ST RATE ELEMENTS)

The following call flows provide examples of application of usage sensitive UNE charges and reciprocal compensation. The call flows below depict the charges between SBC-AMERITECH and CLEC A. Charges to or from CLEC B (e.g., reciprocal compensation) to or from SBC-AMERITECH or CLEC A are pursuant to the charging arrangement(s) between the originating and terminating carriers.

Local Calls:

1. CLEC A (UNE) ULS-ST port originating and SBC-AMERITECH port terminating:

CLEC A is charged:

ULS – O Usage

Blended Transport Usage

SS7 Signalling

ULS-ST Reciprocal Compensation (equal to ULS-T rate)

2. SBC-AMERITECH port originating and CLEC A (UNE) ULS-ST port terminating

CLEC A is charged:

ULS – T Usage

SBC-AMERITECH is charged:

ULS-ST Reciprocal Compensation (equal to ULS-T rate)

3. CLEC A (UNE) port originating and CLEC B (UNE) terminating

CLEC A is charged:

ULS – O Usage

Blended Transport Usage

SS7 Signaling

4. CLEC A (UNE) port originating and CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

CLEC A is charged:

ULS – O Usage

Blended Transport Usage

SS7 Signaling

ULS - T Usage

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5. CLEC B (UNE) port originating and CLEC A (UNE) port terminating
CLEC A is charged:
ULS – T Usage
6. CLEC (Resale services) Originating and CLEC A (UNE) port terminating
CLEC A is charged:
ULS – T Usage
7. CLEC A (UNE) port originating and CLEC (Resale services) terminating
CLEC A is charged:
ULS – O Usage
Blended Transport Usage
SS7 Signaling
ULS-ST Reciprocal Compensation (equal to ULS-T rate)
8. CLEC A (UNE) port originating to CLEC (Facilities Based Network (FBN) terminating
CLEC A is charged:
ULS – O Usage
Blended Transport Usage
SS7 Signaling
9. CLEC (FBN) Originating to CLEC A (UNE) Terminating
CLEC A is charged:
ULS – T Usage

IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll Calls:

10. CLEC A (UNE) port originating to IXC
If call is routed to IXC POP via direct-route (IXC FGD Trunking)—
CLEC A is charged:
ULS – O Usage
SS7 Signaling

If call is routed to IXC POP via SBC-AMERITECH Tandem—
CLEC A is charged:

ULS – O Usage
SS7 Signaling
ULS-ST Common Transport Usage
ULS-ST Tandem Usage

11. IXC to CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

If call is routed from IXC POP via direct-route (IXC FGD Trunking)—

CLEC A is charged:

ULS – T Usage

If call is routed from IXC POP via SBC-AMERITECH Tandem—

CLEC A is charged:

ULS – T Usage

ULS-ST Common Transport Usage

ULS-ST Tandem Usage

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